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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Deepak R. Rao  
Group Art Unit : 1624  
Applicants : Francesco Salituro et al.  
Application No. : 10/658,111 Confirmation No. : 9944  
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Palo Alto, California 94301  
June 30, 2006Mail Stop Amendment  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the January 5, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to extend the time for filing this reply for three months, up to and including July 5, 2006. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

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03 FC:1203 360.00 DA

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Response dated June 30, 2006  
In Reply to Office Action of January 5, 2006

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the Listing of Claims  
that begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 12 of this paper.